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AUSTRALIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN CANNED DECIDUOUS FRUIT PRODUCTION

A light set and adverse weather halted the upward trend in Australian canned deciduous fruit production and dropped the combined total of the 1969 Australian and South African packs below 1968. The combined deciduous fruit pack totaled 16,230,000 cases, basis $24/2\frac{1}{2}$'s, 12 percent below the 1968 pack of 18,436,000 cases. Australia recorded smaller packs of all items. South African production was 9 percent above 1968. Combined production of canned peaches and pears was most seriously affected. Canned mixed fruits showed a smaller decline. The larger South African apricot pack lifted canned apricot production above 1968.

Combined Australian and South African exports continued to climb in 1968 when both countries reported record exports of canned deciduous fruit. Combined exports totaled 16,042,000 cases, 16 percent above 1967. Higher exports were reported for all items except apricots. Current estimates indicate 1969 exports of all items except mixed fruits are below 1968.

Australian and South African canned deciduous fruit production

Kind of fruit	Average		1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
	1956-60	1961-65							
	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/
Apricots:									
Australia	702	651	823	437	750	663	1,054	723	699
South Africa	742	816	828	680	1,080	988	723	591	690
Total	1,444	1,467	1,651	1,117	1,830	1,651	1,777	1,314	1,389
Peaches:									
Australia	1,863	3,183	3,331	3,333	4,319	4,565	5,038	5,158	4,063
South Africa	2,084	3,325	3,533	3,439	4,283	4,646	4,918	4,541	4,805
Total	3,947	6,508	6,864	6,772	8,602	9,211	9,956	9,699	8,868
Pears:									
Australia	2,130	2,788	2,653	3,207	2,455	3,384	2,797	3,206	1,795
South Africa	550	954	914	1,318	1,126	1,486	1,131	1,302	1,440
Total	2,680	3,742	3,567	4,525	3,581	4,870	3,928	4,508	3,235
Mixed fruits:									
Australia	233	517	442	616	894	1,220	1,406	1,902	1,568
South Africa	379	338	297	343	531	685	738	1,013	1,170
Total	612	855	739	959	1,425	1,905	2,144	2,915	2,738

1/ Estimate. 2/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

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AUSTRALIA

A light set and poor weather conditions cut 1969 Australian canned deciduous fruit production to 8,125,000 cases, the lowest level since 1964. Serious declines were recorded for peaches, pears, and mixed fruit.

Domestic consumption declined only slightly despite the short 1969 deciduous fruit pack. Australia reduced the market development excise tariff on domestic sales of canned fruit from 30 to 5 Australian cents (33.6 to 5.6 U.S. cents) per dozen size $2\frac{1}{2}$ cans. This fund was initiated in 1963 on domestic sales of canned apricots, peaches, pears, and fruit mixtures to provide for broadening export markets for rapidly growing annual packs. Utilization of the fund in subsidizing exports promoted successful penetration of the continental European market for canned clingstone peaches and mixed fruit.

The portion of the Australian pack meeting export quality is no longer a limiting factor in export supplies as more than 80 percent of most packs are now passed for export by the Commonwealth Inspection Service. Detailed 1968 pack statistics show that retail sizes comprise most of the Australian pack. The most popular can size is the No. $2\frac{1}{2}$, which accounts for 63 percent of the pack. Institutional sizes comprise 9 percent of the total.

Lower exports were recorded during 1969. Total exports are estimated at 6,000,000 cases, 30 percent below the 1968 level of 8,575,000 cases but above average. The United Kingdom remains the largest overseas customer for all Australian canned fruits. During the first 6 months of 1969, exports to the important West German market showed a sharp decline.

The 1969 peach crop in the Goulburn Valley and the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area was hit by brown rot following January and February rains. Australian canned peach production is estimated at 4,063,000 cases, the lowest level since 1964. Exports are estimated at 2,600,000 cases, 37 percent below the 1968 level of 4,112,000 cases. Major export markets in 1968 were the United Kingdom, West Germany, and Canada.

Australian canned fruit pack by quality,
grade, and can size, 1968

Grade	Apricots	Peaches	Pears	Mixed fruits ^{1/}	Total
	Equiv. 1,000 cases <u>24/2½</u>	Equiv. 1,000 cases <u>24/2½</u>	Equiv. 1,000 cases <u>24/2½</u>	Equiv. 1,000 cases <u>24/2½</u>	Equiv. 1,000 cases <u>24/2½</u>
Fancy (export)					
No. 2½	53	412	170	220	855
No. 1	32	128	119	71	350
No. 10	20	93	39	58	210
Total	105	633	328	349	1,415
Choice (export)					
No. 2½	148	1,499	1,169	588	3,404
No. 1	122	642	909	452	2,125
8 oz.	8	36	33	44	121
No. 10	32	140	265	141	578
Total	310	2,317	2,376	1,225	6,228
Standard (export)					
No. 2½	99	1,189	238	116	1,642
No. 1	30	50	56	52	188
8 oz.	---	---	5	---	5
No. 10	6	30	26	14	76
Total	135	1,269	325	182	1,911
Domestic Pack					
No. 2½	102	717	95	98	1,012
No. 1	45	156	58	37	296
8 oz.	3	5	1	---	9
No. 10	23	37	23	11	94
Total	173	915	177	146	1,411
Grand total	723	5,134	3,206	1,902	10,965

^{1/} Includes all mixed fruits other than tropical fruit salad.

Source: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian canned fruit production and exports, 1965-69

Canned Fruit	1965	1966	1967	1968	Estimate 1969
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
Production:					
Apricots	750	663	1,054	723	699
Mixed fruit	894	1,220	1,406	1,902	1,568
Peaches	4,319	4,565	5,038	5,158	4,063
Pears	2,455	3,384	2,797	3,206	1,795
Total deciduous	8,418	9,832	10,295	10,989	8,125
Exports:					
Apricots	215	304	378	417	300
Mixed fruit	573	808	1,132	1,390	1,400
Peaches	2,760	2,859	3,657	4,112	2,600
Pears	2,022	2,657	2,095	2,656	1,700
Total deciduous	5,570	6,628	7,262	8,575	6,000

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australian packout of all canned fruit, 1964-68

Grade	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Fancy	7.2	8.0	10.6	9.3	12.9
Choice	61.7	56.9	62.3	55.4	56.8
Standard	11.6	11.8	11.3	22.0	17.4
Domestic	19.5	23.3	15.8	13.3	12.9

Source: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian canned peach supply and distribution, 1966-69

Item	1966	1967	1968	Estimate 1969
	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1	814	996	814	359
Production	4,565	5,038	5,158	4,063
Total	5,379	6,034	5,972	4,422
Distribution:				
Exports	2,859	3,657	4,112	2,600
Domestic consumption	1,524	1,563	1,501	1,500
Ending stocks, December 31	996	814	359	322
Total	5,379	6,034	5,972	4,422

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

A poor Bartlett pear set in the Goulburn Valley provided the smallest supplies of canning pears in recent years. The 1969 canned pear pack totaled 1,795,000 cases, 44 percent below 1968 production of 3,206,000 cases. Cannery yields were low and an above-normal proportion of the pears was packed as slices and quarters because of the large amount of hail-marked and poorly shaped fruit.

Exports of canned pears are estimated at 1,700,000 cases, 36 percent below the 1968 total of 2,656,000 cases. Exports during the first 6 months of 1969 were considerably below those of last season.

Australian canned pear supply and distribution, 1966-69

Item	1966	1967	1968	Estimate 1969
	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1	366	571	705	651
Production	3,384	2,797	3,206	1,795
Total	3,750	3,368	3,911	2,446
Distribution:				
Exports	2,657	2,095	2,656	1,700
Domestic consumption	522	568	600	550
Ending stocks, December 31	571	705	651	196
Total	3,750	3,368	3,911	2,446

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Apricot crops were fairly good in major producing areas, and supplies of cannery fruit were reasonably high despite a strong demand for dried apricots. Canned apricot production totaled 699,000 cases, slightly less than the 1968 crop of 723,000 cases. Exports are estimated at 300,000 cases, considerably below the 1968 level of 417,000 cases. During the first six months of 1969, exports totaled nearly 100,000 cases less than the same period of 1968.

Australian canned apricot supply and distribution, 1966-69

Item	1966	1967	1968	Estimate 1969
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1	205	131	309	114
Production	663	1,054	723	699
Total	868	1,185	1,032	813
Distribution:				
Exports	304	378	417	300
Domestic consumption	433	498	501	450
Ending stocks, December 31	131	309	114	63
Total	868	1,185	1,032	813

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Larger carryover stocks and the reduced supplies of peaches and pears combined to produce a lower pack of mixed fruits. Canned mixed fruit production is estimated at 1,568,000 cases, 18 percent below the 1968 pack of 1,902,000 cases. The 1969 mixed fruit packs were fruit cocktail, 732,000 cases; fruit salad, 51,000 cases; and two-fruits, 785,000 cases. Packs of all items were down, with fruit cocktail showing the greatest decline.

Mixed fruits were the only exports not showing declines in 1969. Exports are estimated at 1,400,000 cases, approximately the same as 1968.

Australian mixed fruit pack composition, 1960-69

Year	: Fruit : cocktail	: Fruit : salad	: Two-fruits:	: Total
	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000
	: <u>cases 1/</u>	: <u>cases 1/</u>	: <u>cases 1/</u>	: <u>cases 1/</u>
1960	: 47	: 36	: 118	: 201
1961	: 77	: 18	: 95	: 190
1962	: 150	: 39	: 252	: 441
1963	: 117	: 55	: 270	: 442
1964	: 197	: 56	: 363	: 616
1965	: 334	: 82	: 478	: 894
1966	: 516	: 104	: 600	: 1,220
1967	: 698	: 133	: 575	: 1,406
1968	: 1,011	: 56	: 835	: 1,902
1969 estimate	: 732	: 51	: 785	: 1,568

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australian canned mixed fruit 1/ supply and distribution, 1966-69

Item	: 1966	: 1967	: 1968	: Estimate : 1969
	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000
	: <u>cases 2/</u>	: <u>cases 2/</u>	: <u>cases 2/</u>	: <u>cases 2/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January	: 188	: 306	: 287	: 535
Production	: 1,220	: 1,406	: 1,902	: 1,568
Total	: 1,408	: 1,712	: 2,189	: 2,103
Distribution:				
Exports	: 808	: 1,132	: 1,390	: 1,400
Domestic consumption	: 294	: 293	: 264	: 300
Ending stocks, December 31 ...	: 306	: 287	: 535	: 403
Total	: 1,408	: 1,712	: 2,189	: 2,103

1/ Canned composite packs, including fruit salad, fruit cocktail, and mixed two-fruit mixtures. 2/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Australian 1968 canned fruit exports by country
of destination

Fruit and destination	Amount
	1,000
	<u>cases</u> 1/
<u>Apricots:</u>	
United Kingdom	264
Europe	39
Canada	85
Other	29
Total	417
<u>Peaches:</u>	
United Kingdom	1,779
Europe	1,758
Canada	451
Other	124
Total	4,112
<u>Pears:</u>	
United Kingdom	2,025
Europe	234
Canada	144
Other	253
Total	2,656
<u>Mixed fruit:</u>	
United Kingdom	767
Europe	308
Canada	241
Other	74
Total	1,390
Grand total	8,575

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Source: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian canned deciduous fruit production by State,
average 1961-65 and annual 1963-68

Kind of fruit	Queensland	New South Wales	Victoria	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Total
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	cases 1/	cases 1/	cases 1/	cases 1/	cases 1/	cases 1/	cases 1/
<u>Canned apricots:</u>							
Average:							
1961-65	27	110	294	214	2	4	651
Annual:							
1963	34	144	444	217	3	4	846
1964	7	49	250	133	1	3	443
1965	26	171	197	352	1	3	750
1966	18	99	415	130	1	---	663
1967	38	228	541	246	---	1	1,054
1968	5	70	507	141	---	---	723
<u>Canned peaches:</u>							
Average:							
1961-65	36	760	1,698	680	9	---	3,183
Annual:							
1963	56	790	1,881	602	10	---	3,339
1964	29	859	1,686	747	12	---	3,333
1965	33	1,004	2,315	951	16	---	4,319
1966	34	984	2,433	1,093	21	---	4,565
1967	47	1,058	2,579	1,329	25	---	5,038
1968	39	1,091	2,947	1,018	39	---	5,134
<u>Canned pears:</u>							
Average:							
1961-65	13	131	2,481	107	1	55	2,788
Annual:							
1963	21	154	2,375	49	---	54	2,653
1964	22	164	2,854	117	---	50	3,207
1965	6	106	2,127	162	1	53	2,455
1966	17	165	3,053	81	---	68	3,384
1967	15	126	2,492	114	---	50	2,797
1968	30	94	2,933	96	---	53	3,206
<u>Canned mixed fruit:</u>							
Average:							
1961-65	34	35	344	104	---	---	517
Annual:							
1963	29	42	294	77	---	---	442
1964	30	45	361	180	---	---	616
1965	39	38	668	149	---	---	894
1966	49	61	919	191	---	---	1,220
1967	39	28	1,016	323	---	---	1,406
1968	28	43	1,559	272	---	---	1,902
<u>Total deciduous fruit:</u>							
Average:							
1961-65	110	1,036	4,817	1,105	12	59	7,139
Annual:							
1963	140	1,130	4,994	945	13	58	7,280
1964	88	1,117	5,151	1,177	13	53	7,599
1965	104	1,319	5,307	1,614	18	56	8,418
1966	118	1,309	6,820	1,495	22	68	9,832
1967	139	1,440	6,628	2,012	25	51	10,295
1968	102	1,298	7,946	1,527	39	53	10,965

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Source: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian acreage of selected fruit, 1960-61 through 1967-68

Year	Apricots			Peaches			Pears		
	Bearing	Nonbearing	Total	Bearing	Nonbearing	Total	Bearing	Nonbearing	Total
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres
1960-61 ..	9.2	2.7	11.9	15.1	11.8	26.9	17.8	6.1	23.9
1961-62 ..	9.4	2.1	11.5	19.7	9.9	29.6	18.5	6.8	25.3
1962-63 ..	9.9	1.9	11.8	22.2	8.0	30.2	20.0	6.0	26.0
1963-64 ..	10.0	1.9	11.9	23.0	7.2	30.2	20.3	5.6	25.9
1964-65 ..	9.4	1.9	11.3	24.8	5.6	30.4	19.5	6.6	26.1
1965-66 ..	9.4	2.0	11.4	24.9	5.1	30.0	19.8	6.1	25.9
1966-67 ..	9.5	1.8	11.3	24.8	5.3	30.1	19.7	5.9	25.6
1967-68 ..	8.9	2.0	10.9	23.8	5.9	29.7	20.4	5.2	25.6

Source: The Fruit Growing Industry, Australia, No. 24, Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, Canberra, 1967-68

Australian acreage of selected fruit by State in 1967-68

Kind of fruit	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Total
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres
<u>Bearing area:</u>							
Apples	13.5	16.1	9.7	4.6	11.3	15.0	70.2
Apricots	1.6	2.5	.4	3.8	.3	.3	8.9
Cherries	1.8	1.3	(1/)	.5	(1/)	(1/)	3.6
Nectarines .....	.4	.3	.1	.1	.1	(1/)	1.0
Peaches:							
Canning	3.7	9.1)				(1/)	2/23.8
Other	2.9	2.1)	1.5	3.8	.7	(1/)	
Pears:							
Canning .....	.9	8.7)				.2)	2/20.4
Other	1.6	5.0)	.7	1.6	.7	1.0)	
Plums	1.4	1.0	1.3)		.9}	(1/)	3/ 8.1)
Prunes	2.7	.1	--)	.7			
Pineapple .....	.1	--	10.3	--	--	--	10.4
<u>Total area:</u>							
Apples	18.7	21.1	13.4	5.9	15.1	18.4	92.6
Apricots	1.9	3.0	.5	4.8	.3	.4	10.9
Cherries	2.8	2.1	(1/)	.6	(1/)	.1	5.6
Nectarines .....	.4	.4	.2	.2	.1	(1/)	1.3
Peaches:							
Canning	4.5	11.2)			.9	(1/)	29.7
Other	3.6	2.6)	1.7	5.2		(1/)	
Pears:							
Canning	1.1	11.2)				.2)	25.6
Other	1.9	5.8)	1.2	2.0	1.0	1.2)	
Plums	1.8	1.4	1.5	.8	1.1}	.1	10.0}
Prunes	3.1	.2	--	--	--	--	15.6
Pineapple .....	.2	--	15.4	--	--	--	

1/ Less than 100 acres. 2/ Total canning and other. 3/ Total plums-prunes.

Source: The Fruit Growing Industry, Australia, No. 24, Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, Canberra, 1967-68

Bearing acreage of noncitrus orchard fruits dipped slightly while nonbearing acreage remained relatively stable during the 1967-68 season. Acreage totaled 85,908 acres, 79 percent bearing and 21 percent nonbearing. Bearing acreage of apricots and peaches declined slightly while that of pears showed a slight increase. Nonbearing acreage of apricots and peaches increased but remained below that of the early 1960's.

Production of canned fruit is centered in the State of Victoria where 72 percent of the 1968 deciduous fruit pack was processed. Other commercial areas are South Australia, 14 percent; New South Wales, 12 percent; and other areas, 2 percent.

Minimum grower prices for Australian peaches and pears for canning were unchanged during 1969. Minimum prices were: Apricots, \$100 per ton; clingstone peaches with clear center, \$97 per ton; and Bartlett pears, \$97 per ton. Cannery must pay at least minimum prices for fruit if they wish to qualify for sugar rebates paid by the Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee.

Australian canned fruit minimum grower prices
per short ton 1/ for first-quality fruit,
1964-69 seasons

Fruit	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
	U.S. dol.	U.S. dol.	U.S. dol.	U.S. dol.	U.S. dol.	U.S. dol.
Apricots	86	96	100	106	100	100
Peaches:						
Cling, clear center ..	82	94	97	97	97	97
Cling, other	78	90	93	93	93	93
Freestone	56	68	68	68	68	68
Pears:						
Bartlett	84	92	95	97	97	97

1/ Delivered to either the grower's railroad siding or to the cannery door.

Source: Australian Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee.

Australian 1969 minimum opening canned fruit prices (c.i.f., U.K. port) were above 1968 for all items.

Australian canned fruit minimum opening export prices for
shipments to the United Kingdom (c.i.f. U.K. port), 1963-69

Fruit and pack style	Price per dozen 2½'s		
	Fancy	Choice	Standard
	U.S. dollars	U.S. dollars	U.S. dollars
Apricots:			
Halves:			
1963	3.29	3.08	2.94
1964	3.43	3.22	3.08
1965	3.43	3.22	3.08
1966	3.50	3.29	3.15
1967	3.57	3.36	3.22
1968	3.18	3.00	2.88
1969	3.42	3.24	3.12
Peaches (clingstones):			
Halves and slices:			
1963	3.22	3.01	2.87
1964	3.43	3.22	3.08
1965	3.43	3.22	3.08
1966	3.46	3.26	3.12
1967	3.40	3.26	3.12
1968	3.03	2.91	2.79
1969	3.27	3.15	3.03
Pears (Bartletts):			
Halves and quarters:			
1963	3.50	3.29	3.15
1964	3.57	3.36	3.22
1965	3.57	3.36	3.22
1966	3.64	3.43	3.29
1967	3.64	3.43	3.29
1968	3.18	3.00	2.88
1969	3.51	3.33	3.21
Fruit cocktail:			
1963	3.78	3.57	3.43
1964	4.06	3.85	3.71
1965	3.92	3.71	3.57
1966	4.16	3.96	3.82
1967	4.13	3.92	3.78
1968	3.90	3.72	3.60
1969	4.08	3.90	3.78
Two-fruit:			
1963	3.22	3.01	2.87
1964	3.43	3.22	3.08
1965	3.43	3.22	3.08
1966	3.46	3.26	3.12
1967	3.40	3.26	3.12
1968	3.06	2.94	2.82
1969	3.30	3.18	3.06
Fruit salad:			
1965	--	--	--
1966	4.69	4.48	4.34
1967	4.69	4.48	4.34
1968	4.38	4.20	4.08
1969	4.50	4.32	4.20

Source: Australian Canned Fruits Board

SOUTH AFRICA

Despite a late season and unfavorable weather conditions in the Western and Southern Cape, South Africa reported the largest canned deciduous fruit pack in recent years. Canned deciduous fruit production is estimated at 8,105,000 cases, 9 percent above the 1968 pack of 7,447,000 cases. All deciduous fruit items recorded gains in 1969. Exports are estimated at 7,030,000 cases. Apricots and fruit salad show higher exports. Exports of peaches and pears are estimated below 1968. The United Kingdom is the leading export market for South African canned deciduous fruits.

South Africa reported larger deliveries of canning peaches. Canned peach production is estimated at 4,805,000 cases, 6 percent above the 1968 pack of 4,541,000 cases. The pack has been growing steadily and the 1969 level has only been exceeded in 1967. Exports are estimated 4,300,000 cases, 10 percent below the 1968 total of 4,791,000 cases.

South African canned peach supply and distribution, 1966-69

Item	1966	1967	1968	Estimate 1969
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>cases</u> 1/	<u>cases</u> 1/	<u>cases</u> 1/	<u>cases</u> 1/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1	(2/)	(2/)	1,535	485
Production	4,646	4,918	4,541	4,805
Total	4,646	4,918	6,076	5,290
Distribution:				
Exports	3,938	4,209	4,791	4,300
Domestic disappearance	708	709	800	700
Ending stocks, December 31	(2/)	(2/)	485	290
Total	4,646	4,918	6,076	5,290

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Not available.

South African canned fruit production and exports, 1965-69

Canned fruit	1965	1966	1967	1968	Estimate 1969
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>
Production:					
Apricots	1,080	988	723	591	690
Peaches	4,283	4,646	4,918	4,541	4,805
Pears	1,126	1,486	1,131	1,302	1,440
Fruit salad	531	685	738	1,013	1,170
Total deciduous	7,020	7,805	7,510	7,447	8,105
Exports:					
Apricots	1,057	921	695	614	630
Peaches	3,831	3,938	4,209	4,791	4,300
Pears	1,059	1,189	980	1,204	1,150
Fruit salad	440	567	630	858	950
Total deciduous	6,387	6,615	6,514	7,467	7,030

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Canned pear production of 1,440,000 cases is 11 percent above the 1968 pack of 1,302,000 cases. Exports are estimated at 1,150,000 cases, slightly below 1968.

South African canned pear supply and distribution, 1966-69

Item	1966	1967	1968	Estimate 1969
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)
Production	1,486	1,131	1,302	1,440
Total	1,486	1,131	1,302	1,440
Distribution:				
Exports	1,189	980	1,204	1,150
Domestic disappearance	297	151	98	290
Ending stocks, December 31	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)
Total	1,486	1,131	1,302	1,440

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Not available.

Canners report that in 1969 slightly more Bulida variety apricots were processed than Royals. Total deliveries of apricots for canning was above 1968. The canned pack is estimated at 690,000 cases, 17 percent above 1968. Exports are estimated at 630,000 cases, slightly above the 1968 level of 614,000 cases.

South African canned apricot supply and distribution, 1966-69

Item	1966	1967	1968	Estimate 1969
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 ..	(2/)	(2/)	75	(2/)
Production	988	723	591	690
Total	988	723	666	690
Distribution:				
Exports	921	695	614	630
Domestic disappearance	67	28	52	60
Ending stocks, December 31 ...	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)
Total	988	723	666	690

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Not available.

Production of fruit salad continued its upward trend, establishing another record in 1969. The 1969 pack is estimated at 1,170,000 cases, 15 percent above the 1968 pack of 1,013,000 cases. Record exports are reported during 1969. Exports are estimated at 940,000 cases, 10 percent above 1968.

The Canning Apricot and Peach Board has announced higher minimum grower prices for the 1970 season. The 1970 season minimum prices for first-grade Royal apricots are reported at \$86.80 per ton; Bulida's, \$72.80 per short ton; and clingstone peaches, \$77.70 per ton. Second-grade Bulida apricots are priced at \$56.00 and clingstone peaches \$32.20 per ton.

South African canned fruit salad supply and distribution, 1966-69

Item	1966	1967	1968	Estimate 1969
	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>	1,000 <u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1	(2/) 685	(2/) 738	(2/) 1,013	(2/) 1,170
Production				
Total	685	738	1,013	1,170
Distribution:				
Exports 3/	567	630	858	950
Domestic disappearance	118	108	155	170
Ending stocks, December 31	(2/)	(2/)	(2/)	50
Total	685	738	1,013	1,170

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

2/ Not available.

3/ Exports are only available on a November-October year.

Note: Fruit salad includes fruit cocktail but is not reported separately.

Commercial utilization of deciduous fruit by members of
the South African fruit canning industry, 1965-69

Kind	1965	1966	1967	1968	Estimate 1969
	<u>Short tons</u>	<u>Short tons</u>	<u>Short tons</u>	<u>Short tons</u>	<u>Short tons</u>
Apples	4,782	10,527	7,548	10,135	10,000
Pears	31,004	40,431	36,659	38,490	45,000
Apricots	26,085	22,806	17,767	16,516	19,315
Peaches	96,518	104,679	108,729	99,098	107,417

Minimum 1969 opening prices for South African canned deciduous fruits for export were above 1968 levels. Apricots openings were \$2.82 per dozen 2½ size can, choice grade; clingstone peaches, \$2.91 per dozen; pears, \$3.09 per dozen; fruit salad, \$4.11 per dozen; and fruit cocktail, \$3.69 per dozen; c.i.f., U.K. ports.

South African minimum grower prices for fresh deciduous
fruits for processing, 1964 through 1970 ^{1/}

Kind	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
	per	per	per	per	per	per	per
	short	short	short	short	short	short	short
	ton	ton	ton	ton	ton	ton	ton
Apricots:							
Royal	89.00	66.80	58.30	75.10	75.10	78.10	86.80
Bulida	(2/)	(2/)	41.70	44.50	52.80	58.60	72.80
Peaches:							
Clingstone .	69.40	64.30	76.40	83.40	69.50	69.70	77.70

^{1/} Grade 1.

^{2/} No quotation available.

Source: Canning Apricot and Peach Board and Deciduous Fruit Board.

South African canned fruit minimum opening selling
prices c.i.f. (U.K. ports) 1967-69

Fruit and pack style	:	Fancy	:	Choice	:	Standard
	:	Dol. per	:	Dol. per	:	Dol. per
	:	doz. 2½'s	:	doz. 2½'s	:	doz. 2½'s
Apricots:	:		:		:	
1967	:	3.22	:	3.01	:	2.87
1968	:	2.76	:	2.64	:	2.52
1969	:	2.91	:	2.82	:	2.70
Peaches:	:		:		:	
Clingstone halves and slices	:		:		:	
1967	:	3.22	:	3.08	:	2.94
1968	:	2.76	:	2.64	:	2.52
1969	:	3.00	:	2.91	:	2.79
Pears:	:		:		:	
Bon Chretien halves	:		:		:	
1967	:	3.43	:	3.29	:	3.15
1968	:	2.97	:	2.85	:	2.73
1969	:	3.18	:	3.09	:	2.97
Fruit salad:	:		:		:	
1967	:	4.41	:	4.27	:	4.13
1968	:	4.14	:	4.02	:	3.90
1969	:	4.23	:	4.11	:	3.99
Fruit cocktail:	:		:		:	
1967	:	3.99	:	3.78	:	3.64
1968	:	3.69	:	3.51	:	3.39
1969	:	3.84	:	3.69	:	3.57

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